

Hazardous Waste Sites

Hazardous waste sites are regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). During early planning the location of permitted and non-regulated hazardous waste sites should be identified. Early coordination with the Regional Office of the EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will aid in identifying known or potential hazardous waste sites. The site assessment form, must be used during the preliminary visit to the proposed project. It should be filled out and included in all studies (CE, EA, and EIS). If known or potential waste sites are identified, further analysis will need to be conducted. An Initial Site Assessment (ISA) will first be required to locate areas of contamination. A Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) will be needed to determine the chemical make-up of the contamination and size of the contamination field. The locations should be clearly marked on a map showing their relationship to the alternatives under consideration. If a known or potential hazardous waste site is encountered by an alternative, information about the site, the potential involvement, impacts and public health concerns of the affected alternative(s) as well as the proposed mitigation measures to should be discussed in the document. The document should address and resolve the issues raised by the public and government agencies.